

“He had this high zest for life, he just wanted to grab every minute. He never gave up, he just kept trying to live.”

Jane Cavanaugh

## Scholarship remembers life, character, passion of young man who battled cancer

**MARY CONNORS**

Chief Reporter

Most college students worry about surviving through the school year with upper division classes, or an entire semester of a Ramen Noodle diet or adapting to the small-city life that Maryville has to offer. They enter college with high hopes, big dreams, empty pockets and open minds.

Like most college students, Jake Cavanaugh had a dream of his own. The 22 year-old junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia envisioned himself becoming a part of Northwest's dietetics program, making new friends, having fun and graduating in the Fall of 2010. But most importantly, Jake envisioned himself surviving cancer. With the help of his family's foundation and the Jake Cavanaugh Memorial Scholarship, Jake did.

“Our entire world changed on February 4th, 2005,” Jane Cavanaugh, Jake's mom said.

Weeks prior, Jake had been experiencing a high temperature and basic flu symptoms, just like any other kid that winter weather had gotten the best of. His parents, Jane and Curt, took him

to the doctor, reminding him to tell his doctor of the pain he had been complaining about in his leg as well.

Forgetting to ask, Jake rescheduled to come back and see the doctor after school. His doctor proceeded like it was a regular checkup, until locating a lump on Jake's right thigh and then suggested that he get an MRI immediately.

After weeks passing, the results were in. Receiving Dr. D'Angelo's call could end the curiosity and calm the concern, but it didn't, and it wouldn't.

“He said it could be a sarcoma,” said Jane Cavanaugh.

Jake was only 16 years old at the time.

A part of a tight knit community growing up in Blue Springs, the Cavanaugh's were one of those families who enjoyed life and loved the company of friends, whether it be hanging out at home or socializing at games; they welcomed all into their circle.

The resilient family was facing their hardest challenge yet, but still maintained to stay positive and keep good company. Among their friends were Jeff and Karen From, a couple whose



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**Top:** Jake Cavanaugh smiles away from the camera at a social function. Cavanaugh's family started the Jake Cavanaugh Memorial scholarship program after his passing. **Bottom:** Jake Cavanaugh poses for a family photo. Cavanaugh passed away of cancer on December 23, 2010.

daughter played volleyball with Jake's sister. Karen From, Northwest's director of the dietetics program and instructor of foods and nutrition, recalls meeting the Cavanaugh's.

“They are a solid family; they were so down to earth that you instantly felt welcomed,” From said. “We got to know Jake, and

he had such a spirit about him; that drew you to him. We had plenty of talks about his interest in dietetics; I would have loved to see him here.”

By June 2008, Jake had experienced chemotherapy and hip surgery but was back at University of Missouri, feeling healthy and eager to catch up on time

missed. His zest for life and humorous personality helped him fight the battle that was becoming a bigger part of his life.

“After his surgery in March of 2009, test results showed that there was active cancer,” Jane said. “In April, we began making

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## Former dean recognized for education success

**ALEX RASH**

Missourian Reporter

Dr. Max Ruhl, who served Northwest for 23 years, was inducted to the Mid-America Education Hall of Fame in early November.

Ruhl was selected because of his willingness to reach beyond his professional position to make significant contributions to the field of education.

“It was truly humbling to be honored in that way,” Ruhl said. “It makes you realize all the people who helped you get to that point.”

During the Kansas City School District's difficult time of possibly losing their accreditation, Ruhl stepped in to add his assistance. He is recognized for the impact he made with programs such as the

Residential Internship Program, which brought many qualified educators to the district.

“Helping out with that program was one of my proudest moments,” Ruhl said. “It was to the point where things had to get better, or they were going to go down a long ways.”

He played a large part in the formation of the Kauffman Scholar's Academy, which is a summer program that encourages middle and high school students to aspire to higher education.

Ruhl also helped author the federally funded TEACH Grant which provides grants for students from low-income families who intend to pursue a degree in education.

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## State Coalition supports road safety over holidays

**MARY CONNORS**

Chief Reporter

In Missouri more than 60 lives were taken last year due to impaired driving accidents, spurring police enforcement to crack down harder on drunk drivers and inspiring the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety to introduce a new campaign. The new slogan reads “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” with a new logo reflecting law enforcement's harsher involvement on drunk drivers.

Drunk driving claims a life every 48 minutes and causes more than 50 percent of crashes on the weekends. With ages 21 to 24 most at risk, especially around holidays, the numbers are too great to ignore. The above information was taken from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, stating how drunk driving claims more than 10,000

lives a year.

“Impaired driving continues to be a heartbreaking problem in Missouri and around the country,” said Leanna Depue, chair of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. “Some contend that those who drive under the influence are simply hurting and killing themselves, but a substantial number of people killed or injured in these crashes are innocent victims.”

Contributing to 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities, impaired drivers will now have to deal with the harsher consequences when caught by law enforcement. Sandra Hentges, outreach coordinator for the Missouri Department of Transportation, explained why changing the slogan and logo was essential in deterring drunk driving violations.

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# Home tour provides funds for Red Cross

JACKI WOOD  
Chief Reporter

A little holiday cheer can last the whole year.

The 2nd Annual Maryville Holiday Home Tour Friday night will benefit the American Red Cross, which in turn assists local residents during natural disasters and emergencies year-round.

For the 42 adults and 12 children in Nodaway County who were directly helped by the Red Cross last year, every little bit of generosity helped them when they needed it most.

"The Holiday Home Tour funds go toward the Heroes Campaign, which support emergency disaster funds for the region," Lesley Schulte, event organizer and Heroes Campaign chairperson, said. "I had

heard of this in other communities and thought it would be a way for people to have a fun evening and raise money for a good cause."

Schulte began her volunteer work with the Red Cross after using the Armed Forces Emergency Communication system to get a message to her deployed husband, and then realized the organization helps a variety of people in a variety of ways.

For every dollar that is donated to the local American Red Cross agency, 91¢ goes directly to the service programs which benefit local residents, Schulte said.

In the past year, that direct financial assistance in Nodaway County totaled \$11,097. In addition to helping the 42 adults and 12 chil-

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## WINDOW WONDERLAND



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

The Art Experience on Main Street decorated their window in a Starry Night display that was shown off during the holiday festivities downtown last Friday night. Many businesses decorated their window displays for a contest.

# Search continues for new manager

BEN LAWSON  
Features Editor

The city of Maryville has received 65 applications for its open city manager position and have started to narrow the search.

After current City Manager Matt LeCerf announced his resignation in early November, Maryville has received a variety of applicants from 24 states. The city stopped accepting applications on Monday and have started the selection process. Human Resources Manager Amy Strough says the city hopes to

fill the position by Jan. 1.

Strough said the city plans to select the top 15 applicants to be sent a questionnaire about the position. Based on the applicants responses, the city will select about five of those candidates to interview on Dec. 20.

"We are looking for a well rounded candidate who is familiar with the various different operations of the city," Strough said.

Each candidate will meet with the City Council, city department heads and a group from the community. The City Council has the

final decision, but all of the groups will meet together to discuss the applicants.

The city is looking for a person with five years experience in municipal government, a bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration or another closely related field. Strough said they have received applicants with experience from cities both smaller and larger than Maryville.

LeCerf said in earlier interviews that he would be a part of the process to hire a new manager to ensure the city gets someone qualified.

## City awaits decision on Pub's future

Former late-night hot spot, The Pub, still lies in ruins after a wall collapsed early this fall. The south wall of the Pub fell on Sept. 1 and little has been done to repair or remove the debris left from the structure. Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf will meet with the owner, Chuck Zeller, Friday to discuss what will be done with the structure.

LeCerf says he does not know why the remaining structure has not been torn down or repaired.

## Humane society finally reopens

The New Nodaway Humane Society has officially reopened after a Parvo scare in the community. Parvo is a disease that can be deadly to dogs. The shelter was closed for several days last week for deep cleaning. With the reopening, the shelter is having a "Home for the Holidays" special on adoption prices for dogs and cats. The cost is \$35 for cats and \$40 for dogs. Adoption costs include spaying or neutering, a rabies vaccination, worming and an ID microchip.

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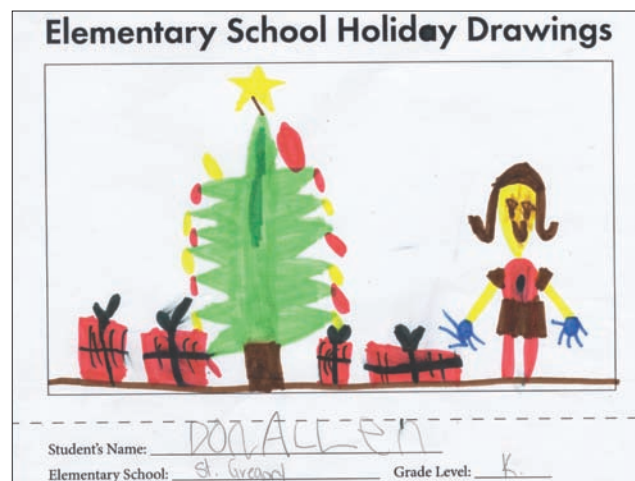
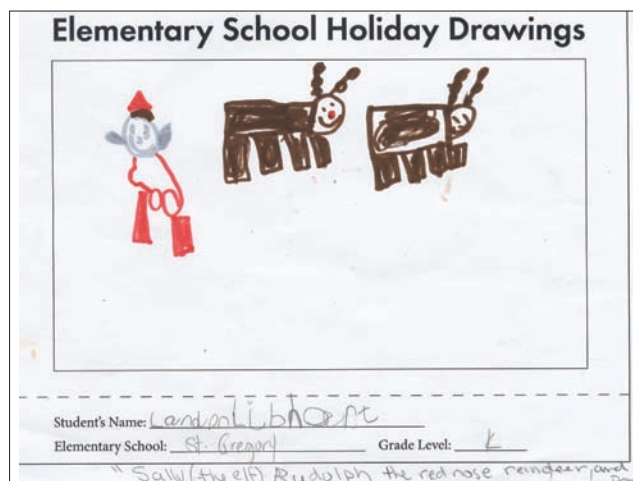
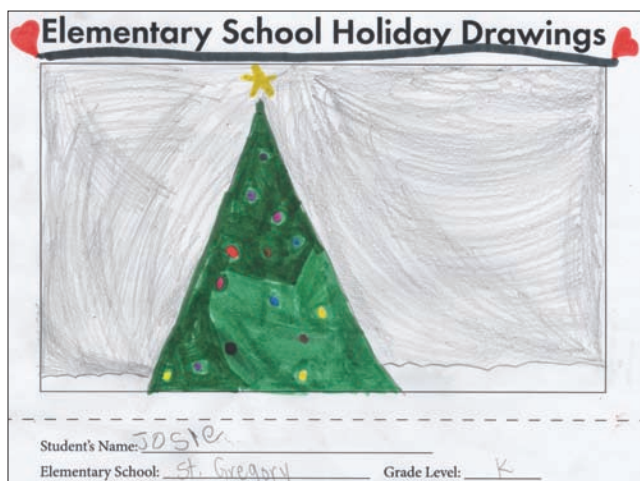
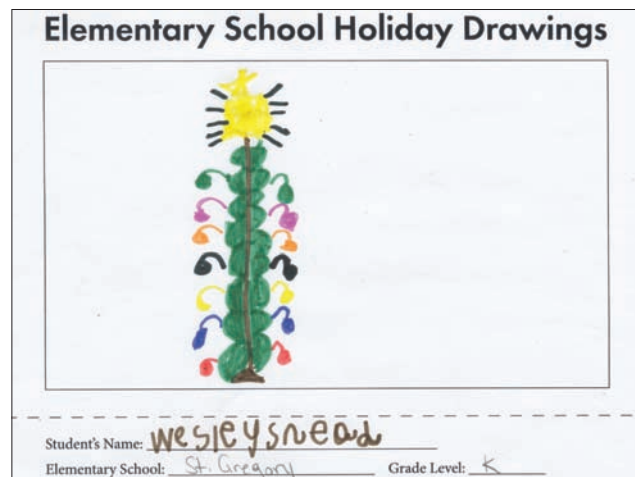
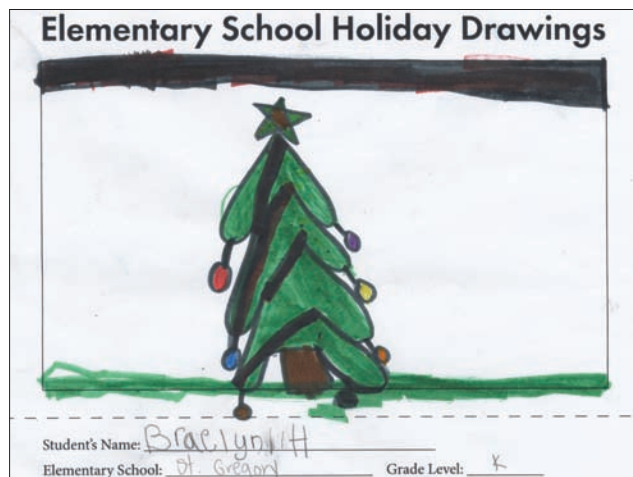
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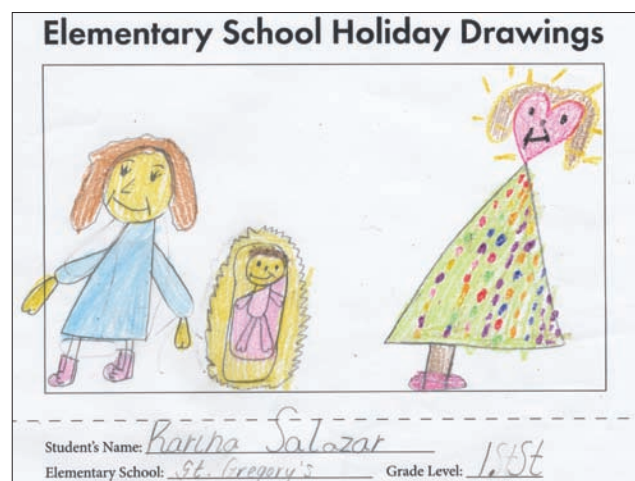
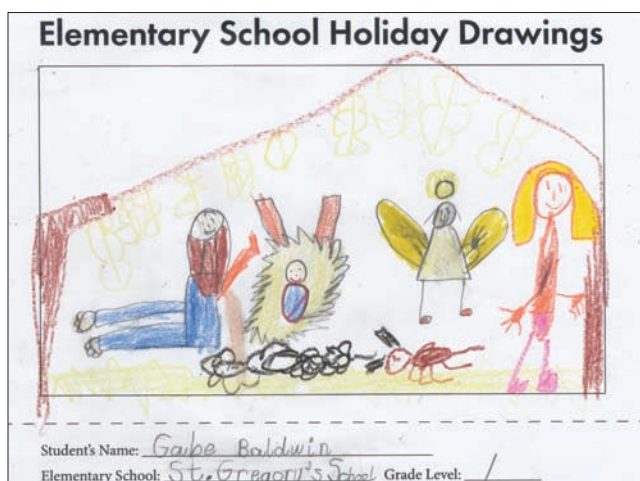
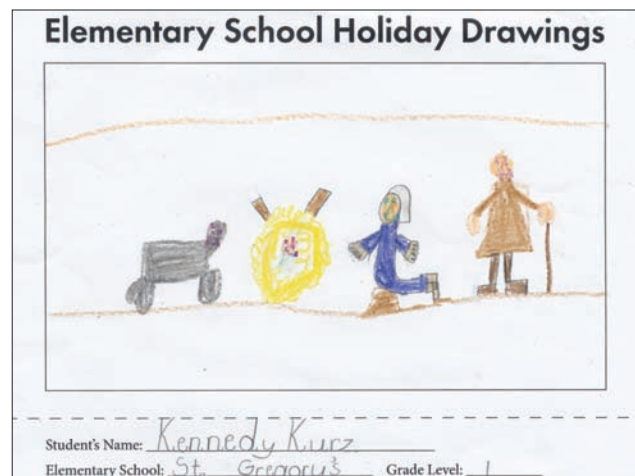
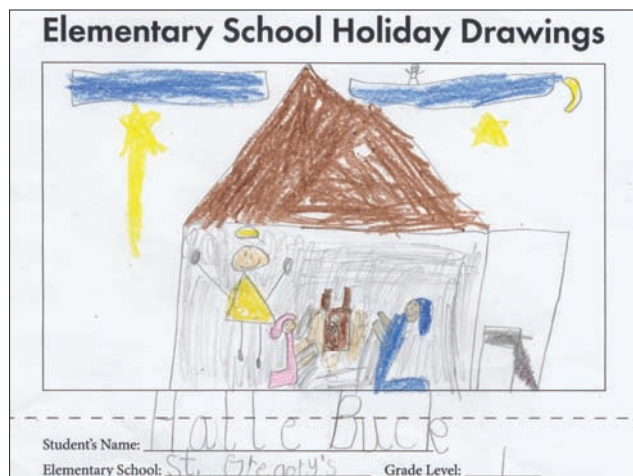
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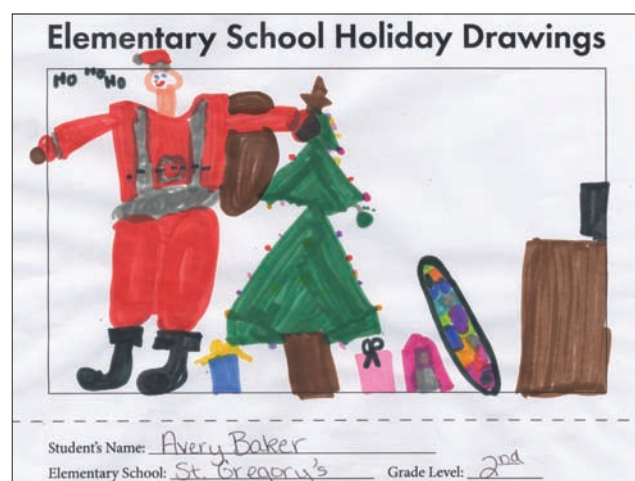
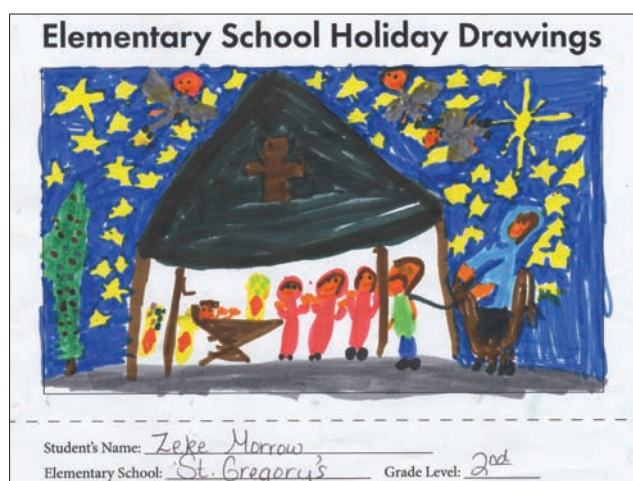
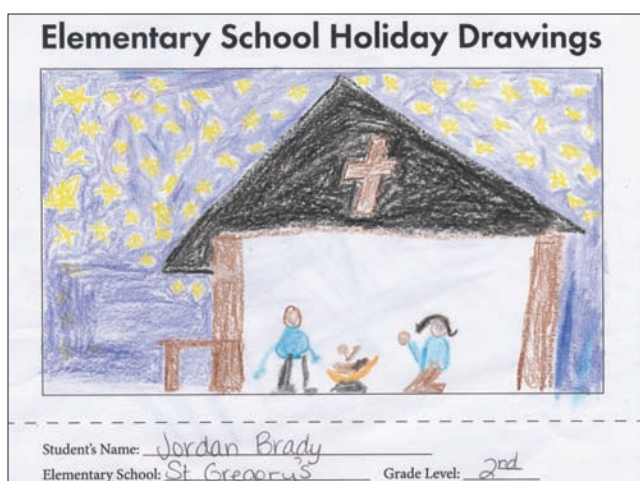
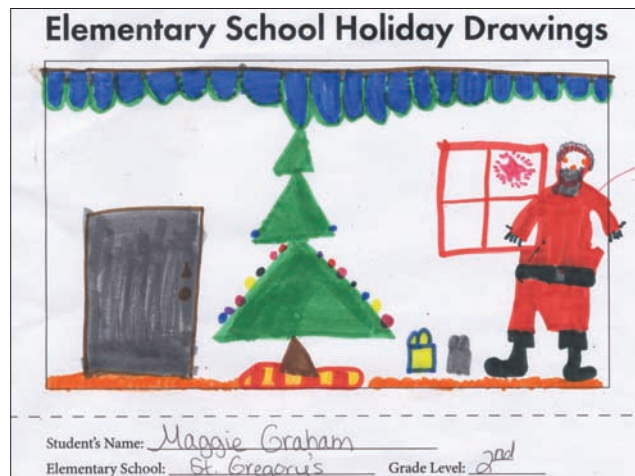
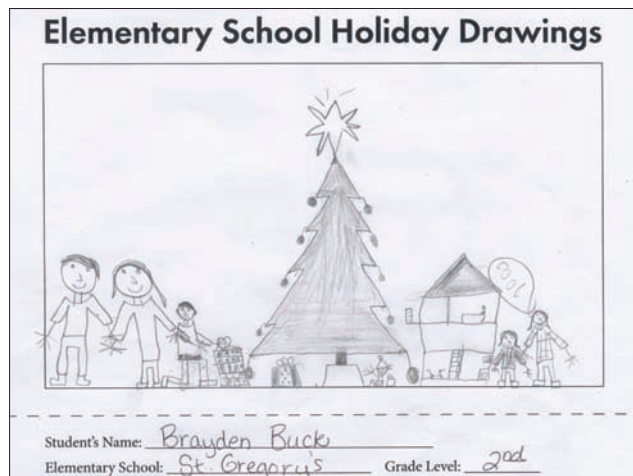
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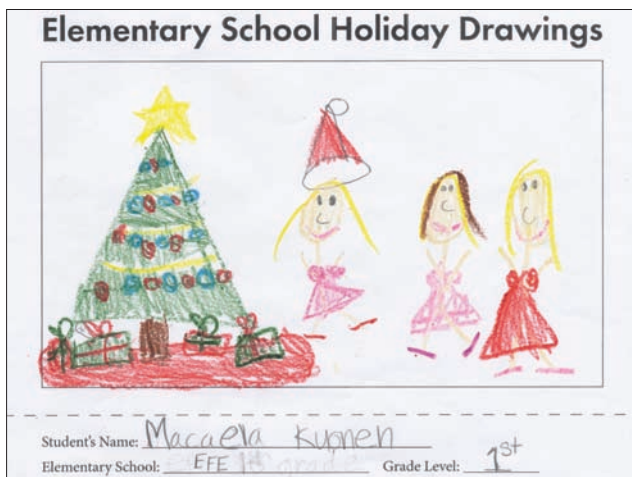
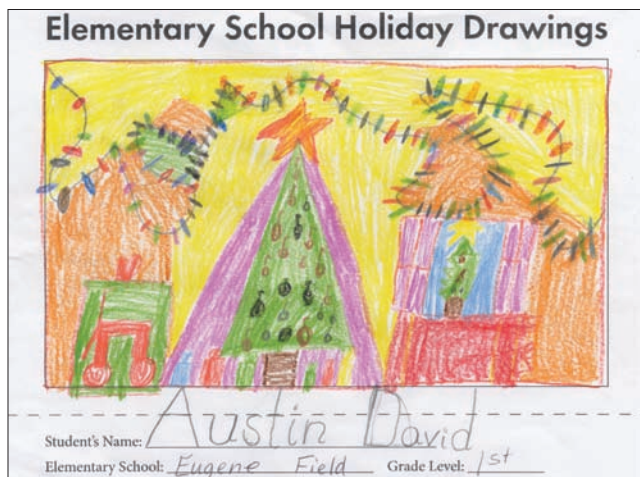


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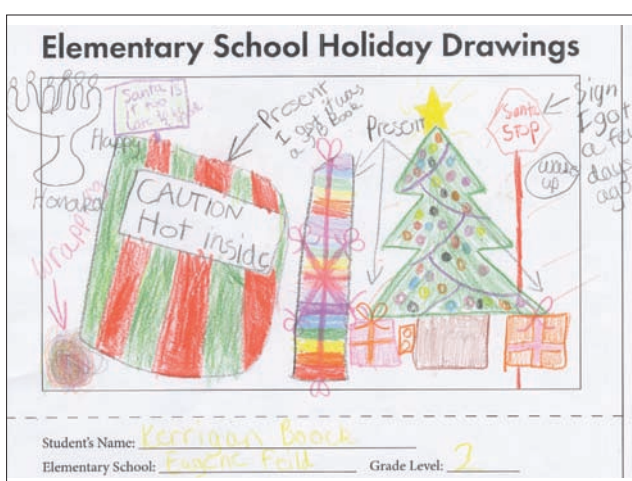
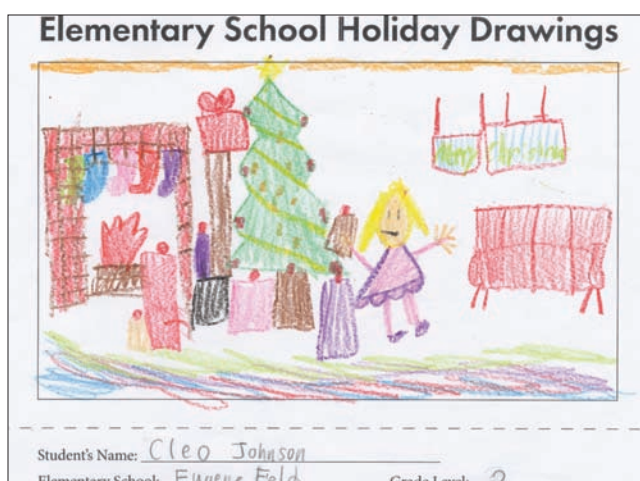
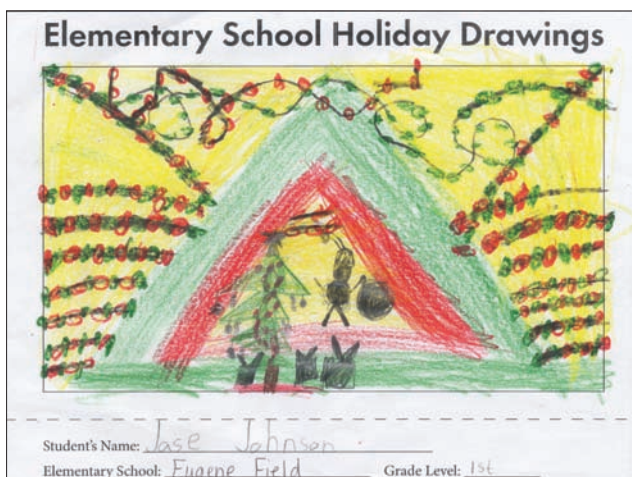
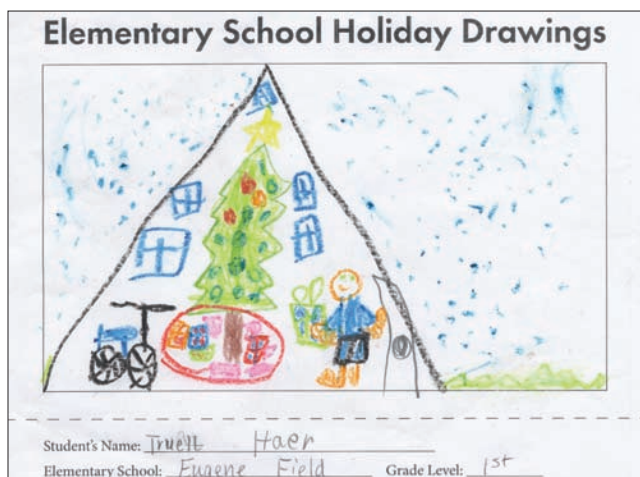
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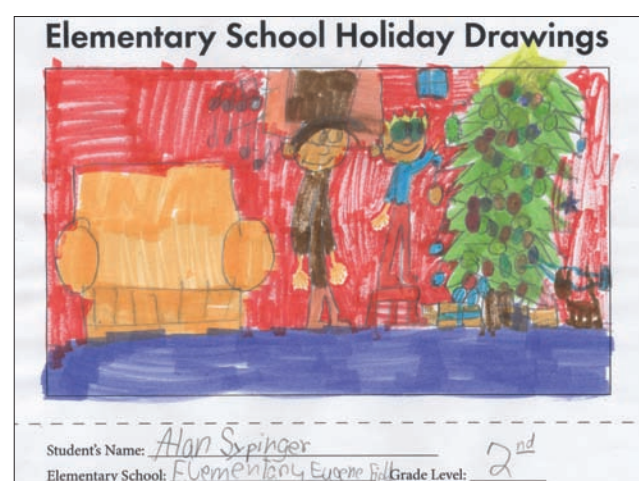
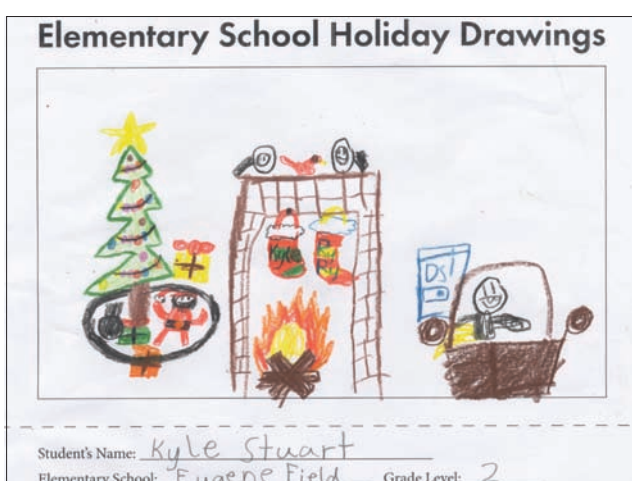
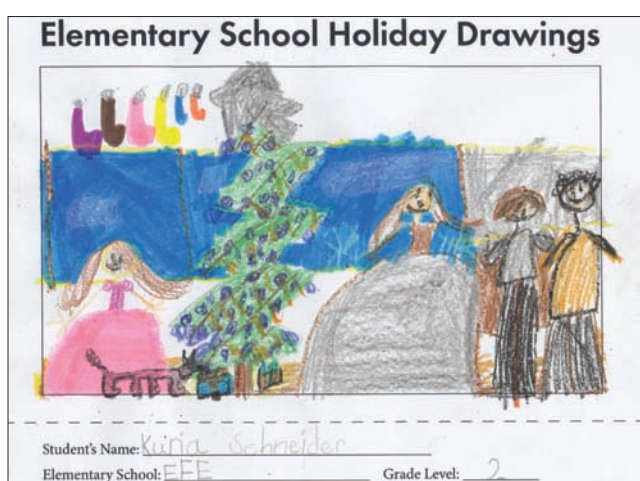
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# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE


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Simon Pegg plays Benji in Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol. Benji is a rookie spy working alongside Ethan Hunt, played by Tom Cruise, to clear the name of their team after they are framed for a bombing.

## Actor Simon Pegg talks upcoming holiday releases, future plans

**BEN LAWSON**  
Features Editor


Actor Simon Pegg talks action, adventure and serving as Tom Cruise's right hand man in "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol" while working alongside cinema giants Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson for "The Adventures of Tintin." Pegg analyzes the growth of his character in the upcoming "Mission: Impossible" film and the use of motion capture technology to "rediscover an artform" in "The Adventures of Tintin." Both films are due out Dec. 21. Read the full interview online at [nwmissourinews.com](http://nwmissourinews.com).



**Q:** You're playing a spy in the new 'Mission: Impossible' movie, which is quite a bit different from your typical roles. Why did you decide to take that on, and what did you have to do differently to prepare for it?

**A:** Well I actually was in the third 'Mission: Impossible' film playing the same character, Benji, but he, at that time, worked in the kind of research and development department. But since then he's gone out and taken the field exam and is now sort of working out in the big wide world as an IMF agent. So, it was great fun to sort of - when JJ phoned me and said what do you think of Benji like being a fully paid-up member of IMF mission team?

And I just thought that was a great idea to see a guy who used to sit around in the lab coat poking hard drives to actually be out there, you know, kicking ass. So the draw of it was just enormous. Anytime J.J. (J.J. Abrams, a producer for Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol) calls me I'm like what do you want? Where do you need me? You know because I always know it's going to be a fun job no matter what it is. But in terms of research I went undercover in Moscow for several weeks and cracked a ring of nuclear terrorists.




**Q:** You were talking about how Benji went from being more in the background researching and developing, into this transformative character. How did that come about?

**A:** I think the fact is we had such a blast on the first one, the first time I did it, and I got on very well with J.J., and you know, I think the idea of bringing him back in a more sort of proactive role was always something we joked about. And then J.J. literally e-mailed me one morning and said, 'I think we're going to do that.' And I was extremely excited and surprised.


But it just happened because we found a rhythm when we did the third one, and Benji was a fun character to play and the notion of, you know, he's immediately a little bit of a thorn in Ethan's side, and he just fit like a puppy.

And we kind of figured it would be a fun thing to be put in a very dangerous situation would be to have this kind of, you know, this newb there with a very, very experienced and very well-versed IMF operative, to have a team that's made up of people he doesn't know, one of which is a kind of waggy-tailed, little IT guy who's only done a couple of missions. And I think that really works in the movie.




**Q:** You've done a lot of work with Nick Frost and Edgar Wright in the past, both in movies and television. Are there any current projects that you're working on with those guys?

**A:** Yes, Edgar and myself are just writing the third film in a series that started with Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz, and Nick will be a big part of that. And we're hoping to start work on that very soon. It's currently entitled World's End, and we're very, very excited about it. I feel like those guys are my, you know, they're my homies, and that's what I'd like to go back to. So, most definitely is the answer to that question.



**Q:** You've done a lot of comedies that are spoofs on action movies. Are those the kind of movies you like to do?

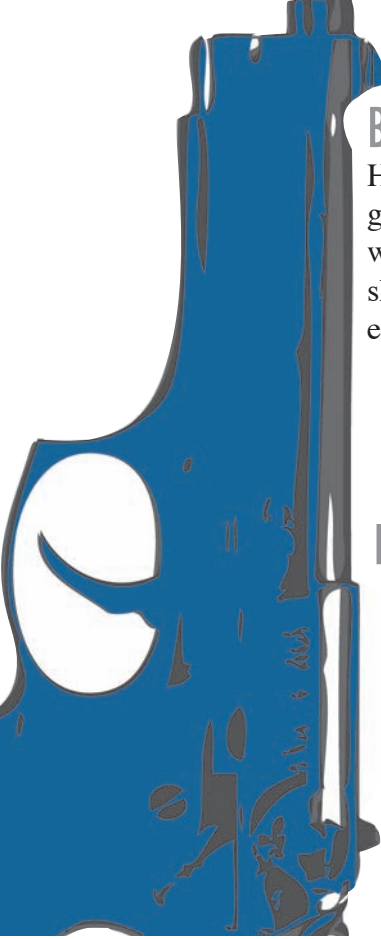
**A:** I don't know. It depends on what comes up, really. I mean, you know, if that seems to be a particularly fun thing to do then I don't have a game plan. I'm not thinking, hmm, I want to do action comedy now. It's just - I'm a fan of action films, and I want to be in them to some degree, but realized I'm not an action movie star, so they have to be funny. I don't have a particular scheme I'm sticking to, and if something comes up which is less action oriented and I really like the script, then I'll do it.




**Q:** How was your experience using motion capture on "The Adventures of Tintin"?

**A:** It was interesting; it was very new for everybody, even Steven Spielberg, you know, because it was his first motion capture film. I think all of us were on our first day of school to some degree, and it was interesting, and every day we were making new discoveries about the technology and about how to perform within it. It's different from live action shooting in that you don't have real live sort of props and costumes. You're working in a very imagined environment.

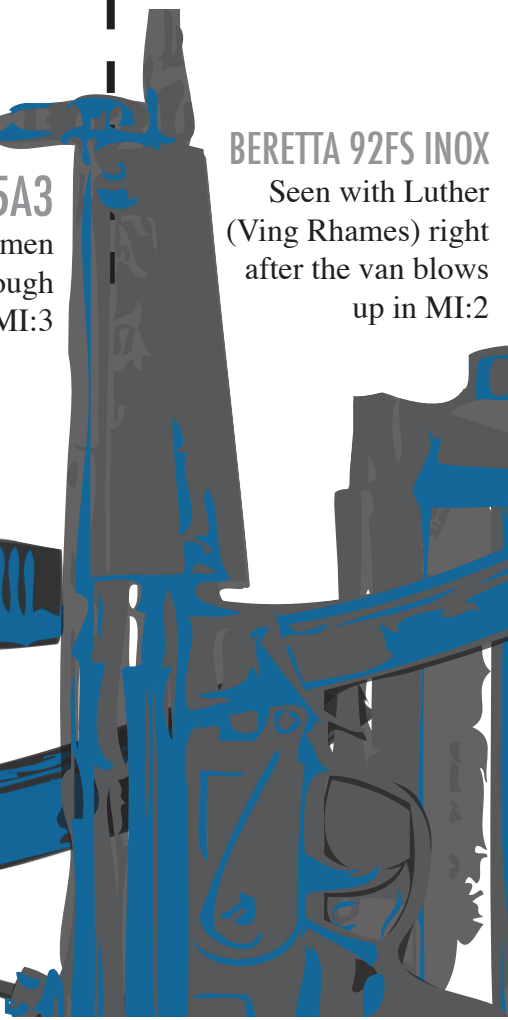
But you are still acting with other actors and moving around, which makes it different from just doing a voice over. So, it's very much a new art form, and I think, you know the kind of the rules and what it means is still sort of emerging for everybody. But it was great fun. It was great fun to feel like we were breaking new ground.




**BERETTA 92FS**  
Hunt (Tom Cruise) gives this gun to his wife who eventually shoots Davian at the end of MI:3




**HECKLER MP5K**  
Hunt uses this weapon early in MI:3 to rescue fellow IMF Agent Lindsey Ferris



**HECKLER MP5A3**  
Used by the men chasing Hunt through Shanghai in MI:3



**BERETTA 92FS INOX**  
Seen with Luther (Ving Rhames) right after the van blows up in MI:2



**BERETTA COUGAR**  
Hunt holds this gun up to Claire after the mission goes sour in the first movie



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dren, she said funds have also been used to educate nearly 500 children in fire safety programs and provided over 90 smoke alarms for five local fire departments to be installed in area homes.

“So when someone purchases a Holiday Home Tour ticket for \$10,” she said, “\$9.10 goes directly to helping people who have experienced an emergency such as flooding, house fire, tornado or may help provide CPR and first aid courses and more.”

While the American Red Cross helps people all over the globe, Schulte has witnessed what the agency has done for the

people in Northwest Missouri, providing food and clean-up supplies to individuals, most recently with the flooding in Holt County.

“The American Red Cross fund supports international disasters, but local efforts are also very needed,” she said.

Last year, the Holiday Home Tour raised \$660, and Schulte set a goal to raise \$1,000 this year.

The five homes highlighted on the holiday tour include the Gaunt House with Dr. John and Denise Jasinski; Heath and Jayme Higdon; Dave and Dana Schmidt; Dr. Matt and Jill Baker; Frank Myers; and Pat Madden.

Each home will feature seasonal decorations, Christmas music and holiday refreshments.

## RUHL

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Ruhl came to Northwest in 1987 as an associate professor of educational leadership. After eight years at the college he was promoted to the position of professor.

“I love Northwest because it has always been a place that seeks to help people grow and achieve their goals,” Ruhl said.

In 1997 Ruhl was named dean

of the College of Education and Health Services. He held that position for 13 years until his retirement in 2010.

After 35 years in education, Ruhl and his wife, Lynn, are spending their retirement in southern Missouri raising cattle with their son, Michael Ruhl.

“It has been such a pleasure to be associated with Northwest,” Ruhl said. “The saying is true, ‘once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat.’”

## CAVANAUGH

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our first of many trips to Houston for chemotherapy treatments.”

The uphill battle with Jake’s health had placed the then 21-year-old with a list of three lung surgeries, one hip surgery and multiple chemo treatments. Through it all, his family stayed close; he remained strong and enjoyed every moment lived. Jeff From, consultant for the Command Battle Lab in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., also grew close to Jake and was taken aback by his fight.

“Jake had the ability to light up the room with his sense of humor, his witty comments, his smile and his ability to see the good in people,” Jeff From said.

By Nov. 2010, Jake had strengthened his family’s bond, worked with younger cancer children at Children’s Mercy, kept his grades up and found peace with

God through his pastor Father Don. The drive and compassion instilled inside of him was exuded through his bright eyes, charming smile and big heart.

Jake was given peace on Dec. 23, 2010, allowing loved ones and friends the opportunity to share his story of survival.

The Jake Cavanaugh Memorial Scholarship was established by the close friends of the Cavanaugh family and Northwest Alumni who wish to grant students like Jake the chance to be a gift to the dietetic program at Northwest.

All applicants are required to submit a short essay explaining their passion for the field that is reviewed by staff along with a summary of their grades and commitment to the dietetics program.

“The scholarship is meant for those who portray the same passionate and committed spirit that Jake had,” said Karen From. “He was an amazing, congenial person to look up to, and the scholarship evokes that spirit.”

## COALITION

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“The slogan was changed to create consistency with the National Campaign for Impaired Driving’s message,” Hentges said. “The logo was changed to show a stronger law enforcement presence to make the message more effective.”

According to the Missouri Coalition’s research, consistent slogans are effectively associated with symbols that clearly display the focus of the message.

“Our message is simple. No matter what you drive – a passenger car, pickup truck, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle – if we catch

you driving impaired, we will arrest you,” Colonel Ronald Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said. “Law enforcement agencies across the state will increase their efforts to enforce Missouri’s driving while intoxicated laws.”

All this week, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety will run advertisements and have the slogan posted on message boards across the interstate systems, in hopes to get the message out before holiday travel.

“During this season of celebrations, we remind drivers of the dangers of driving impaired,” Depue said. “It just isn’t worth the risk to get behind the wheel after you’ve been drinking or are impaired.”



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Franklin Park, located across from Finish Line, is decorated as a winter wonderland. The park features a nativity scene, a candy-cane walkway that leads to Santa’s house, and many trees decorated with lights and garland.

# Winter Wonderland to return

KERI PETERSON  
Missourian Reporter

Winter Wonderland returns to Maryville, and kids can come see Santa from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 16 at Franklin Park.

Girl Scout Service Unit 805, including 23 troops from Nodaway, Holt and Atchison Counties, decided to bring back the wonderland; it has not been a part of the community for three years, troop leader Linda Christensen said.

The scouts, with help from the community, will present guests with entertainment when they come to the park. Last week, a Maryville dance team performed, and on the 9th Pooh and Tigger will join them. And as for the entertainment planned for the 16th, folks will just have to wait and see what the scouts have in store for them.

“It’s a surprise,” volunteer Di-ana Taylor said.

The troops will serve cookies, hot chocolate and popcorn provid-

ed by local vendors; the girls also bought candy to add to the treats.

There is much to be gained from the fellowship, meeting different people and getting together for the holidays, Christensen said. And the children have the opportunity to experience visiting with Santa.

Inside Santa’s house, parents can take pictures of their kids visiting with both him and Buddy the Elf. There will be toys, and Santa will hand out goodie bags to the kids.

Since this is the first year back, the wonderland may seem small, but there are plans to grow it year after year, Christensen said.

“There are some things that are gonna change because the park is going to undergo some changes,” Christensen said. “But we’re gonna bring it back to Winter Wonderland.”

“To really make it a wonderland,” Taylor added.

Backman Trucking donated the lumber for new signs and cut-

outs to decorate the park; the storybooks, created in 1986 and only repainted once since then, were in too bad of shape to put up this year. Northwest fraternities were helpful in putting up the storybooks in the past, Christensen said.

“Next year we hope to be able to get one of those fraternities to volunteer to do that again,” Christensen said.

The scouts are also seeking artists from the community to come forward and volunteer their time and talent to redo some of the signs for the wonderland, which would be displayed in the park next year. Anyone interested in donating to the project, or volunteering, can contact Linda at 660.582.5420.

Franklin Park is located on the corner of 7th and Main streets.

“Anyone who wants to come and bring their kids to Winter Wonderland is welcome,” Christensen said.

“Because for a child, it is magical,” Taylor said.

## Former University employee releases cookbook for students

MEGHAN BROWNFIELD  
Missourian Reporter

Barry Beacom is the author of the new cookbook, “More than Your First Cookbook.” It was released Oct. 25 and has since caught some attention.

Beacom retired two and a half years ago from Northwest after serving as the director of campus dining for more than 20 years. Before coming to Northwest, Beacom spent most his life cooking for different regional and national chains, including his own restaurant for a few years.

After Beacom retired he started working on “More than Your First Cookbook,” and it was developed for

beginning cooks and people who do not know how to cook. It is helpful for people after graduating high school or college who are on their own for the first time and need help making food so they are not limited to dining out.

“The whole idea and inspiration behind my cookbook is to show young adults how to cook and not to panic when thinking about cooking,” Beacom said. “I really want to get young adults interested in cooking.”

This cookbook contains 125 recipes, but does not just teach people how to cook; it teaches everyone how to budget with the food they buy. It also has healthy food ideas and little

side notes where people can alter the recipe to the required tastes.

“More than Your First Cookbook” can be purchased on campus at the bookstore. Other places it can be purchased at are Maryville Hy-Vee and the Nodaway News Leader. It is also in St. Joseph and Kansas City’s Hy-Vee. They all range around \$30 depending where it is purchased.

“Barry’s cookbook is such a helpful tool for beginning cooks, but also for people who have been cooking for years, like his 94 year-old-mother,” said Barry’s wife Claudia Beacom. “I always like to tease Barry that he uses too much cream and butter in his recipes.”

# Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Dec. 3  
Joycelynn L. Still, 21, Coffey, Mo., was charged with supplying alcohol to a minor at 300 block North Market.

Connor K. Smith, 20, Rogersville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and possession of another’s I.D. and Jared I. Fox, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 600 block South Buchanan.

Renee A. Saunders, 52, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny at 500 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Jeffrey L. Goerke, 52, Maryville, Mo., and Jannette M. Neel, Savannah, Mo., at 1600 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Kira

A. Northrop, 18, Maryville, Mo., and Kathleen M. Hurayt, 60, Maryville, Mo., at East South Avenue and South Main.

Dec. 2  
There is an ongoing investigation of improper registration at 300 block West Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 700 block East Fifth Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and a vehicle owned by Matthew B. Otto, Maryville, Mo., at 200 block West Second Street.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and a vehicle owned by Colin J. Porter, Maryville, Mo., at 900 block College Avenue.

Cody A. Marriott, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and improper registration at 100 block Park Avenue.

Dec. 1  
Francis J. Stephenson, 22, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

Suzanne L. Halliburton, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and exceeding posted speed limit at 500 block North Country Club.

Nov. 30  
An accident occurred between Kelsey D. Adams, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Palmer D. Eckert, 60, Maryville, Mo., at 1600 block North Grand Avenue.

A fire was reported at 34000 block 200th Street.

Nov. 29  
There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at 900 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Alexandria D. Richard, 20, Maryville, Mo., and a vehicle owned by Craig Borowski, Grain Valley, Mo., at 300 block North Munn. Richard was issued a citation for failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, and careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 28  
An accident occurred between Deven M. Rastorfer, 18, Maryville, Mo., and Doris L. Chlastak, 54, Hopkins, Mo., at

1600 block South Main.

Nov. 26  
Jarad D. Owens, 20, Burlington Junction, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 1700 block North Grand.

Nov. 23  
Medication was recovered at 900 block South Main.

Nov. 22  
An accident occurred between Julie F. Marez, 47, Maryville, Mo., Alexandra G. Burge, 21, Jamesport, Mo., and Marjorie M. Hansen, 59, Maryville, Mo., at 900 block South Main.

Nov. 21  
An electrical fire was reported at 23000 block Katydid Road.

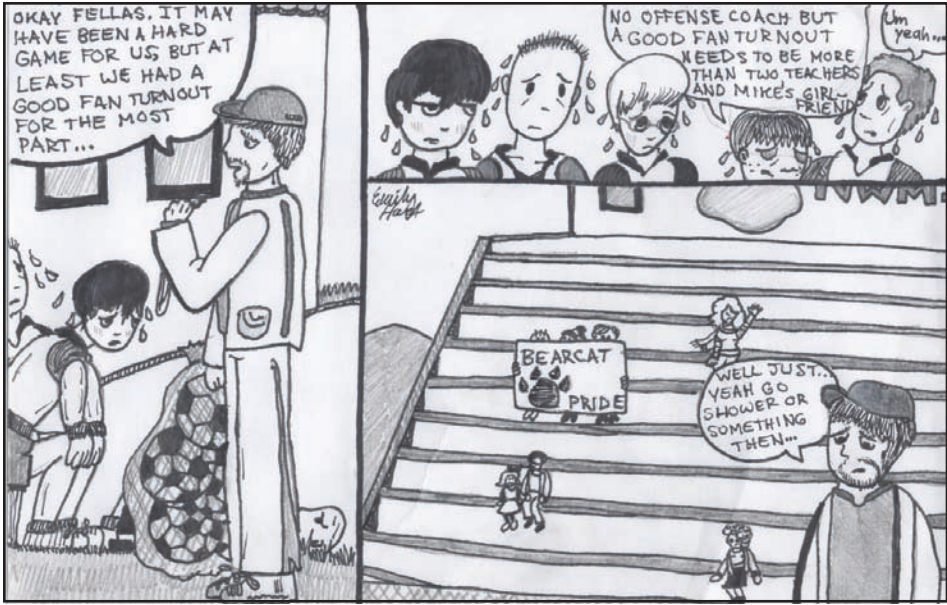
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OUR VIEW: SUPPORT OTHER TEAMS

# As football season ends, Bearcat season charges on



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Did you support the Bearcats this season? If not, you still have time because Bearcats play year-round. Yes, Saturday afternoons in Maryville were made to be spent in the bleachers with thousands of fans screaming, “Touchdown, BEAAAAAR-CATS!” But our University prides itself on a well-rounded athletic department. This year, show your support for some other sports.

For starters, our men’s basketball team is currently 7-0. It is the first 7-0 start in recent memory. With fan favorites like DeShaun Cooper and Northwest program rookies like Justin Clark, the energetic games excite ballers and basketball newbies alike.

Our women’s basketball team is fresh off of their championship chase last year, and some of the key players from that team are the same ones making plays this year.

In the spring, watch the Bearcat softball team work to top their 14-8 record from last season. Many of those players are back, including their top two pitchers.

Tennis’ fall season ended Oct. 2, but this spring the men’s team will be at it again, defending their 19-5 overall record last year.

Our track team is about to kick off their indoor season, whose meets are all away. But Northwest hosts two outdoor meets, March 31 and April

7. Be there to see decades-old records shattered by up-and-coming Bearcat athletes – a feat that happened many times over the past few years. Look for All-Americans Tyler Shaw and Kate Walter, who are back after redshirting last year.

But do not quit there. Our athletic department encompasses club sport teams, intramural leagues and other entities that promote physical activity and well-being year-round.

So keep your Bearcat green t-shirts and sweat-shirts at the ready because your support is still needed this year. Bobby Bearcat takes no vacation days, and neither do true Bearcat fans.

## How 2012 could change our nation



**PHILIP GRUENWALD**  
Opinion Editor

When our founding fathers delegated the self-evident right of representative voting to ordinary citizens, they essentially handed the most powerful weapon in the world to the most unsuspecting hands. Since then, those ordinary people have managed to do extraordinary things, like discovering and settling the Wild West after the Louisiana Purchase, the civil rights movement, putting a man on the moon and recent innovation coming from Silicon Valley.

Our most formidable challenge yet will be 2012. Our nation is entering a new epoch of its political identity, marked by unprecedented consumer unrest and discontent. Several landmark events next year will determine the character of our nation, and their outcome depends solely on ordinary people like you and me.

The court case of our generation will be when the statute colloquially

known as Obamacare goes under the gavel against challenges from at least 26 states. The late March trials will feature 5.5 hours of oral argument. To compare, Brown vs. Board of Education, the 1952 case that set the precedent of “separate but equal” for segregated schools, was 8.5 hours.

The case needs that time, if not more. It could singlehandedly allocate more authority to the federal government, at the detriment to states’ powers, and also give the government much higher market intervention than the Constitution currently allows.

When Congress passed Obamacare, they introduced the individual mandate to the market, or a requirement that consumers take market action such as purchasing. This was once the most feared act that the government could enforce. If the Supreme Court justices declare Obamacare constitutional, the Constitution, as well as individual freedom, will have suffered a considerable blow.

The verdict will be completed and released in July or August, which would be a few months prior to

2012’s next big landmark: the presidential race. The fact that Ron Paul, who would eliminate 134,000 federal employee positions, and Obama, who had added 230,000 positions as of February, are both viable options in the preliminary polls suggests either waffling consumer preferences or an increasingly polar political spectrum.

This leads into the next 2012 political landmark, which is the effects of the combined protest frenzy of the Tea Party and the Occupy protests. Put aside their glaring differences and you have two grassroots activist entities calling for dramatic change. This is a sign that the public is willing to leave their comfort zone to elicit change in the nation’s direction and the status quo, respectively, which is good. Sadly, this era of outcry is one marked by increased shouting, partisan politics and a consistently stalemated Congress, who have the unenviable task of sorting through the emotional drivel to make sense of real democratic input.

If you make no other New Year’s resolutions for 2012, convict yourself to pay attention. This could be big.

## HEALTH COLUMN: CHRISTMAS AND HEALTH

# Adopt an attitude of gratitude for holidays, by being joyful and thankful

**BY DR. TIM CROWLEY**  
Director of Personal Development and Counseling Services

During the holidays, it’s easy to get lost in the hustle and bustle of the season. We can easily become tired, sick and miserable. This is the time of year when obligations are strong and our nerves are easily frazzled. When our bodies are worn out and our minds have to work extra hard, it can wear our souls to the point of numbness.

So how do we enjoy the holidays for what they are meant to be? What if you could not only survive the holidays, but actually enjoy this time of year? Can you imagine yourself looking forward to this season, moving through it with ease?

Psychologists and wellness experts say expressing gratitude improves one’s well-being. In “Thanks!: How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier,” Dr. Robert Emmons of U.C. Davis discusses “a scientifically groundbreaking look at how we benefit – psychologically, physically and interpersonally – when we practice gratitude.” He says, emphatically, that being thankful actually amplifies the good things in our lives, the good people in our lives and even the good in us. What better time than the holidays to practice these skills?

Stephen Post, author of “Why Good Things Happen to Good People,” talks about how being grateful for the little things in life can instantly change people’s attitude and have a major impact on how they view the world.

In order to find a sense of gratitude at this busy time of year, you have to change your mind. Change your mind about how you spend your time these upcoming holidays. You have the choice to stress yourself out by overextending yourself, or you can slow your pace and actually enjoy the festivities. What do the holidays really mean to you? Redefine your

beliefs about topics such as family traditions, spiritual beliefs and self-care. This may take some reminiscing about how you used to spend your holidays. Think back and find the Thanksgivings and Christmases that positively stand out in your mind. Ask yourself, “What was it about that time that I am grateful for?” This will help you identify what traditions and activities you enjoy, rather than basing your holiday interests on the needs and interests of others.

Another idea to help you enjoy the holidays rather than dread this time of year is to create a different type of Twelve Days of Christmas. Pick 12 days to devote to creating a holiday gratitude list. On each day, make a list of 12 things you are grateful for. These things can be people, places, feelings, traditions, abilities, relationships and more. Just force yourself to come up with 12 things, and I bet you end up listing more than this. If you do this for 12 days, you will have a list of at least 144 things you are grateful for. This practice not only gives you proof of what you have to be grateful for, but it trains your mind to see the glass as half full rather than half empty.

One more idea for developing an “Attitude of Gratitude” is to look for positive facts and let them become positive experiences. Let yourself feel good if you get something done, if someone is nice to you or if you notice a good quality in yourself. Savor the positive experience and sustain it for 10-20-30 seconds. Let the positive experience soak into you, like water into a sponge, becoming a part of you.

The good news is, the more we practice gratitude, the more often we experience it and the deeper we experience it. Being thankful is a choice we can make in any given moment. Take the time to relish and savor the gifts in your life this holiday season.

## American greed: distinguishing between wants and needs



**SARAH THOMACK**  
Missourian Reporter

America is the land of plenty, as evidenced by the celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the name of celebration, we over-indulge on food and our Christmas lists tend to be long and expensive. Amid all of the holiday celebration, does anyone really know what it means to be truly thankful for what we have? Are we being thankful for needs or wants and is there a difference between needs and wants?

“All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth,” has turned into “All I want for Christmas is a new phone, a new laptop, an iSomething, a new car, etc.” The line between needs and wants has become blurred or obliterated. Entitlement has replaced strong work ethics and individual responsibility. We complain about not having things we

want, when there are people who do not have the things they need to survive. Getting things that we want is not a bad thing, it is simply that we need to get our wants and needs straight and choose our wants wisely.

Churches and communities used to be the ones who took care of people’s needs. The more affluent we became as a society, though, the more people began to mistake their wants for needs. Some people’s wants could not be taken care of by a community, which is when the government stepped in to help. The government provided help to get people back on their feet but soon people came to expect it and even began to feel entitled to it. Responsibility was thrown out the window.

An example of feeling entitled is a Tampa, Fla. woman. According to ABC Action News, Angel Yulee Adams has 15 children, is unmarried and complains that people are not doing enough to help her. Her rent, food and furniture have

been paid for by the government and generous givers, yet she says, “Somebody needs to be held accountable, and they need to pay.” She takes what she is given without a thank you and feels entitled to more. She is, unfortunately, not the only one that is demanding entitlements. Helping people is great, but no one should be required to take responsibility for a stranger’s life.

It is hard to determine the difference between our wants and needs in our materialistic society, especially around Christmas time. We are bombarded with advertisements trying to tell us what we need. Our Christmas lists are often full of wants. We need to start thinking for ourselves and figure out what we really need. Or, we could consider switching the focus from our wants to thinking about the needs of others this season. Our Christmas lists could look more like a “Grown up Christmas List,” with requests, “Not for myself, but for a world in need.”

## CAMPUS TALK

### Why should students support Bearcat athletics?



**Adrienne Burgus**  
Merchandising

I think the football games, and other sports, are a good way to have school spirit and be really involved, and they’re also a lot of fun to be at.



**Chris Rosenthal**  
Biology

It’s just a big community... the more people get involved, the more people are invested to the school and the more people are going to care about the University itself.



**Natalia Capbell**  
Industrial Psychology

I’ve been to every single home football game. Everybody should go. It’s school spirit. To each his own, but I think it’s nice to be able to go and see how your school... participates in sports as well.



**Steven Austin**  
Business Management

It’s just a really good environment, all around. It’s good to meet new people, and the games are really fun. I’m going to try to make it down this weekend, too.



**Lindsey Graves**  
Industrial Psychology

Not only football, but other sports too, because I don’t think they get a lot of representation. But especially since football is big and we do really well in it, supporting that is important.

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# Five best Christmas albums of the year

SARAH THOMACK  
Missourian Reporter

No matter how much Christmas music is released each year, there is always room for more Holiday cheer. The following five albums are some of the best 2011 releases.



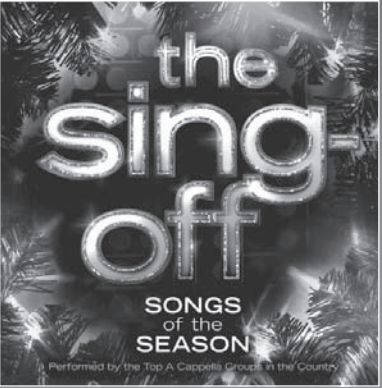
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Michael Bublé receives an 'A' for keeping it classy with "Christmas." His first Christmas album, released in 2007, was sweet, but too short. Fans can rejoice with this second, 15 track album. He stays true to his classic style and creates songs reminiscent of classic crooners Dean Martin and Bing Crosby. Some great tracks are "White Christmas," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," and "Feliz Navidad;" however, the entire album is a showcase of good christmas spirit.

Zooey-Deschanel and M. Ward are She & Him; together they create folksy music that results in a delightful Christmas album. "A Very She & Him Christmas" is a simple, loveable album that exudes everything warm and happy about Christmas. Deschanel's light, girlish voice is endearing, especially on "Little Saint Nick" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and M. Ward's guitar playing and vocals are great, as always.

The cast of Glee compiled a second Christmas album for this year. The entire album has a lot of variety, as different Glee characters perform each song. Some gems include a soulful rendition of "All I Want for Christmas is You;" a perfectly melancholy performance of "Blue Christmas," and the entire original cast wraps up with the anthem, "Do They Know It's Christmas." Fans and haters of Glee can enjoy the gift of good music without the high school drama.

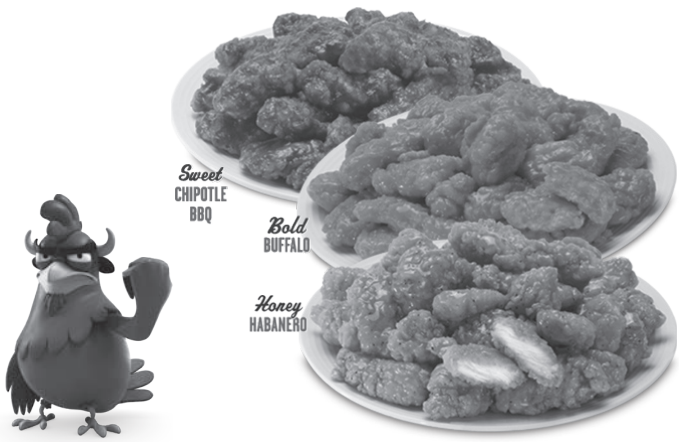
Tis the season for Christmas albums from TV shows. NBC's The Sing-Off brings us an album from various artists that competed on the show. Each song, of course, is a cappella. Although not a new idea, it is always fun to hear stripped-down versions of Christmas classics. Songs on this album include crazy harmonies in "Coventry Carol," epic beatboxing in "We Three Kings," and most of the songs will cause you to ask, "How do they make that sound?" Just enjoy it and try to resist the urge to beatbox along.

Jackie Evancho is an 11-year-old with a big, angelic voice that was made for classic Christmas songs. She placed second on America's Got Talent in 2010, and "Heavenly Christmas" is her third full-length album. Her classical crossover style is perfect for carols, such as "The First Noel," "Away in a Manger" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." She also delivers a beautiful rendition of "Believe." "Heavenly Christmas" is aptly named.

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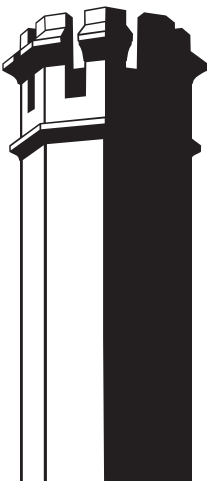
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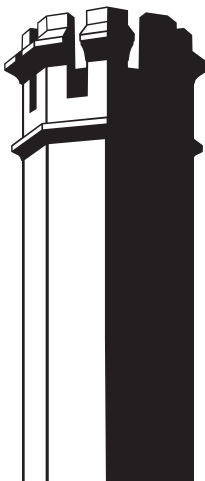
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**Home sales increase**

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**Salvation army donations**

The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign has seen some unusual donations this year. In Spokane, Wash., volunteer workers found a \$5,000 gold ring wrapped in a dollar bill. The Aurora Salvation Army in the Chicago reported receiving several gold coins a year.

**WHAT'S  
NOT**

**Santa's packing heat in Arizona**

When most people think of Christmas, they don't generally think of machine guns, but the members of the Scottsdale Gun Club would beg to differ. The Arizona group has come under intense scrutiny after they offered patrons and their families an opportunity to take pictures posing with Santa and an arsenal of weapons.

**Alec Baldwin thrown off plane for iPad use**

Actor Alec Baldwin was thrown off a plane Tuesday after he refused to turn off his iPad. The 30 Rock star was deeply involved in a game of words with friends while waiting at the gate.



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7 Fiend's tail?  
10 Biographical datum  
13 World Cup chant  
14 They're "high" but not dry  
16 Little shaver  
17 \*The Music Man" number  
19 Ginormous  
20 Early computer  
21 \*Sweet stocking stuffer  
23 Not quite a compulsion  
25 W-2 info: Abbr.  
26 Perceptive  
30 Predecessor of 33-Down  
34 \*Lead singer in No Doubt's hit "Don't Speak"  
37 Bee fore?  
38 Plate in a park  
39 Took by the hand  
40 Aptly named movie channel  
41 Ernst contemporary  
42 \*Instrument using rolls  
46 Grab ahold of, as an idea  
48 Cross to bear  
49 Trivial amount  
50 Sandbox sight  
52 \*Seven-time Grammy-winning jazz singer  
56 Tibetan capital  
61 Showy wrap  
62 Words in a classic game show that can be followed by the ends of the answers to starred clues  
64 Lumber tree  
65 Geological time division

66 Fare-minded one?  
67 Family pooch  
68 Command to a 67-Across  
69 WWII fleet

Down

1 Prime seating  
2 Rickman of Harry Potter films  
3 Prefix with meter  
4 Miso bean  
5 Extracts  
6 Place to relax  
7 Hoops legend Thomas  
8 Penn of "Milk"  
9 Like computer lab learning  
10 Goya's "Duchess of \_"  
11 Put on a spare tire?  
12 Upper hand  
15 Greets someone with more than a nod  
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24 Vietnamese holiday marking the arrival of spring  
26 Ottoman big shots  
27 Talked a blue streak?  
28 Musical speeds  
29 French article  
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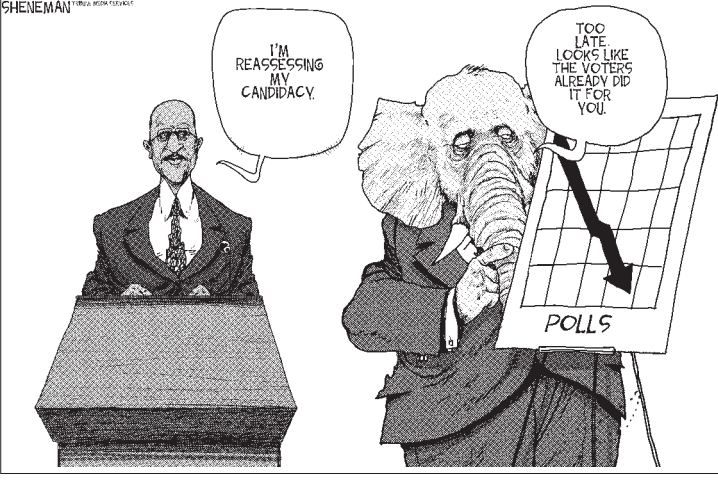
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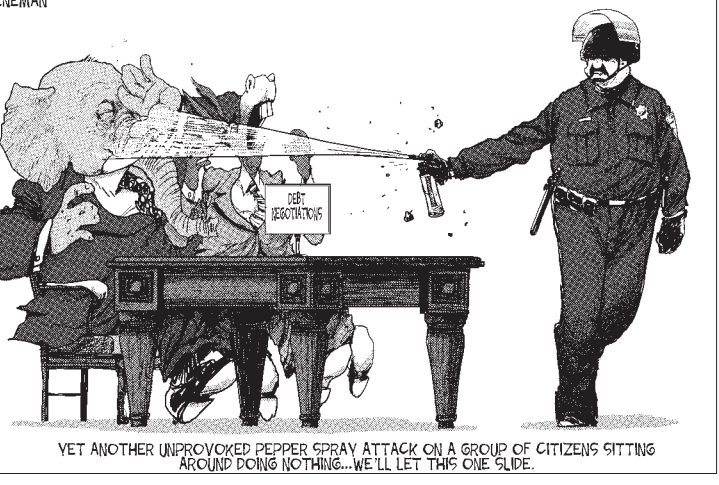


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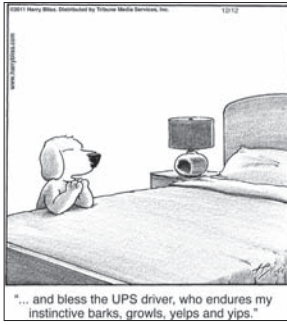
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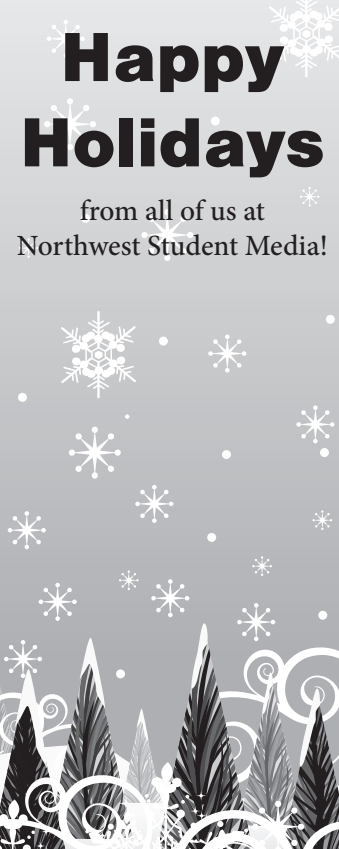
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Junior forward Treyton Burch floats a shot over the Savannah defense in the first round of the Savannah Invitational Tournament last week.

# Boys lose 3 straight after first round win

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Chief Sports Reporter

After a 42-33 victory over Savannah to open up the Savannah Invitational Tournament, the Spoofhounds have dropped three straight games. The 'Hounds took on Clarinda (IA) Tuesday night on the road. Maryville was able to keep the game close in the first half, down 23-22 going into the locker room. "It was an OK first half defensively. It wasn't great," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We were working hard, but the offense wasn't in sync the first half against their zone." Clarinda opened things up in the second half, outscoring the Spoofhounds 16-4 in the third quarter. The Cardinals kept the pressure on as they closed out the 'Hounds in southern Iowa, 53-35. "The second half, I thought we broke down on offense, and on defense I think that we made way too many mistakes, and our intensity wasn't there. That was the worst half of basketball we've played all year. We went backwards with that half of basketball." In second-round action at the Savannah tournament last Thursday, the 'Hounds took on Platte City for a chance to play in the finals. Junior guard Jonathan Baker gave the Spoofhounds an early spark, hitting five three's in the first quarter of action.

Even with Baker's success behind the arc, the 'Hounds found themselves with a narrow, three-point lead to end the first quarter. Maryville's lead would be short lived, as Platte City was able to pull ahead at half, 33-28. The Spoofhounds were unable to come back from the deficient and fell to the Pirates, 60-52. "I thought we did everything we needed to do to win the game the first quarter in a half," Kuwitzky. "We had the right game plan, we hit our shots. We were being patient and playing the defense we needed. Then I thought we tried playing their kind of game that is up-paced and fast and weren't very patient. We couldn't get over the hump because they have a lot of talent. Let's face it, we can't play that kind of style against them." Baker finished the contest with 22 points. Junior forward Damon Goodall finished the game with eight points to go along with his team-high eight rebounds.. The 'Hounds went back into tournament play last Friday night in the third place game of the Savannah Invitational Tournament against Winnetonka. The 'Hounds came out of the gate slow, going down 18-4 to end the first quarter. "We came out playing the same hurried, impatient, ragged defense

that wasn't team defense. It was individual," Kuwitzky said. Maryville was able to rebound from the slow start and cut the lead to within 10 in the third quarter, but could not finish the comeback as they fell to the Griffons 51-39. "We turned it around in the fourth quarter and got down by just four by playing team ball again," Kuwitzky said. "So I thought we had fragmented times of playing pretty well, then times where we didn't play well at all." Senior guard Tyler Walter led the way with 14 points, five steals and five rebounds. The Spoofhounds' struggles behind the arc continued, as they went 1-for-14 from deep. Kuwitzky is looking at the early losses as a learning experience for the inexperienced 'Hounds team. "The competition was excellent at Savannah," Kuwitzky said. "Those last two were excellent teams. I hope that we learned from it and got better from it." "First of all, this is the toughest part of our schedule. We are starting out with no easy teams, and this is one of the hardest schedules I can remember in years. We haven't come up to a team where we know we should win." Maryville looks to get things back on track at 7 p.m. tonight at home against Benton.

# Girls falter, drop home opener

JASON KRAFT  
Missourian Reporter

The Lady 'Hounds again struggled to put together a complete basketball game. They lost at home to Lafayette 47-37 on Tuesday. Maryville came out shooting, led by senior guard Holly Wilmarth. She hit a couple of three pointers early, and the 'Hounds led 15-6 at the end of the first quarter. "I was really happy with the way we executed our offense really well in the first quarter and it got us some nice shots," head coach Grant Hageman said. Their lead lasted for most of the second quarter before the Lady Irish took the lead late in the second quarter. As the halftime buzzer sounded, Lafayette led 23-21. They nev-

er trailed again. "I thought our defense and rebounding was really good in the first quarter, but they came out more aggressive in the second and third quarter," Hageman said. Lady Irish juniors Oceonna Weston and Ariel Dydell proved to be too much for Maryville in the second half. The lead stretched to ten and never got closer than seven the rest of the way. The pair combined for 32 of the teams' 47 points. Weston finished the game with 21 points and five rebounds. Dydell added 11 points for the visitors. "She (Weston) is one of the best post players in the conference obviously," Hageman said. "When they run that high-low effectively, it is tough to guard. Sophomore guard Chelsea By-

land led the way for the 'Hounds. She scored 14 points, grabbed four rebounds, and recorded four assists. Senior forward Brooke Byland scored seven points and Wilmarth finished with eight for Maryville. This was the second time these two teams met in a week. The Lady Irish won the previous matchup 56-39 last Tuesday in the Savannah Invitational Tournament. "Last time we played Lafayette we were pretty much out of it after the first quarter," Hageman said. "We play them one more time, and I like our chances. Two-point game at half, I saw a lot of positives." The loss drops the 'Hounds record to 1-3 on the season after they went 1-2 in the season-opening Savannah Invitational last week. The Spoofhounds return to the court against Penney at 6 p.m. to tomorrow at Maryville High School.



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Senior guard Sammy Keller fires a pass to an open teammate during Tuesday night's 47-37 loss to the Lafayette Fighting Irish.

# ATHLETES of the WEEK BEARCATS

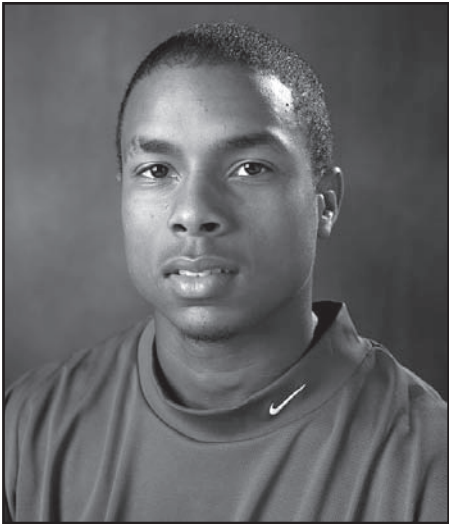


DeShaun Cooper

Abby Henry

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Jonathan Baker



Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half of a come-from-behind 65-59 victory over the Washburn Ichabods on Saturday.

Senior point guard Abby Henry, playing despite a broken thumb, scored 18 points to lead the 'Cats in a 71-53 loss to No. 16 Washburn on Saturday.

Sophomore running back James Franklin scored both touchdowns in Northwest's 41-16 loss to Pitt State in the quarterfinals. He ran for 43 yards and caught a 28-yard pass.

Junior guard Jonathan Baker scored a combined 33 points in his last three games, including 22 against Platte County in the Savannah Invitational Tournament last week.

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Senior guard Sammy Keller looks for an opening during Tuesday night's game against Lafayette. Maryville lost its home-opener 47-37 to the Fighting Irish.

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lot better than we have," McCollum said. "I don't think we would have pulled a couple of those games out in the past. Now we believe and handle adversity and are able to pull those close games out down the stretch."

Neither McCollum nor Cooper believes this year's team has a true weakness.

"To tell you the truth, I don't think there is a weakness," Cooper said. "We fight for everything that we want. When you have that on a team, I don't feel like there can be any weakness."

McCollum needs to see his team play up to par before he can recognize any weaknesses.

"We just haven't played a good game yet," McCollum said. "I think we can play big; we can play small.

I think we can guard. I think we can rebound, which we haven't done a great job of... We've just got to play well."


Even with all of the team's early success, Cooper is not satisfied.


He believes that this year's team has a shot to win an MIAA title because of its strong mental toughness and attitude.

"I feel that if we just put our mind to (winning a conference championship), we can do anything that we want," Cooper said, "because we know that we have control of whether we lose or win. And when we know something like that, we control it, and we should always come out on top."

Results from last night's game against Pittsburg State can be found online, as results were unavailable as of press time.

The Bearcats will take on the Graceland Yellow Jackets at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

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four scores while returning a punt and two kickoffs for scores.

Junior wide receiver Tyler Shaw led the team in both receiving yards (815) and receiving touchdowns (nine), replacing some of the production that was lost with injuries to Soy.

Redshirt freshman linebacker DJ Gnader was second on the team with 100 tackles. Only senior All-MIAA and All-Region selection Chad Kilgore has more, with 123.

Redshirt freshman cornerback Bryce Enyard led the 'Cats with six interceptions and was named MIAA freshman of the year as well as All-MIAA and All-Region.

Redshirt freshman defensive end Matt Longacre led the team in

sacks with 4.5 and scored the winning touchdown in the first round of the playoffs against Missouri Western.

While the future is bright with the current players on the roster, Dorrel fears the program is in danger of falling behind some of the other MIAA schools on the recruiting trails because they lack an indoor facility similar to Missouri Western's or the facility Fort Hays State just broke ground on.

"We've got to continue to grow as a football program," Dorrel said. "We've got to continue to grow from a whole standpoint. From a facility standpoint, things of that nature.

"We've got to keep moving forward as a football program so we don't fall behind to those people in a facilities standpoint because that stuff's very important to recruits."

The 'Cats have already offered 10 players scholarships during the early recruiting period, something they customarily do not do.

They are also looking to bring in at least one player at every position except for punter, something else the team usually cannot do.

"We're literally taking every position this year," Dorrel said. "There's been some years where we can't take certain positions and this year it looks like we're going to be able to take one of each."

Despite not having some of the recruiting tools other teams do, Dorrel is still excited to get out on the road and start pitching the program to his first class of players.

"I'm excited. We're going to do some things a little bit different recruiting this year because I think we need to," Dorrel said. "I'm just excited to get going."

WRESTLING CONTINUED FROM A12

"(One problem we've had) is fundraising, just so we can compete," Shoeninger said. "We have to travel across the country. Our conference championship is in Colorado and our nationals are in Florida, so we have a lot of traveling to do, and it takes a lot of money to get there."

Senior heavyweight Adam McElderry believes getting the word out about the team and gaining new members will be vital to the team's success.

"When kids find out that you

wrestle, it's kind of a shock for them because, for the younger ones, they don't know we have a club wrestling team. Not only do we have kids from Kansas City, Iowa and Nebraska, but you get kids from smaller schools, and wrestling is the only thing they have during the winter months. So it's really easy to get those kids in your corner and support you for the season.

"We could always use backups and extras. Myself, I'm in no position to be a guaranteed starter. It's always good to have those extra bodies because every wrestler has a different style. You come in here and wrestle the same guy over

and over, you're only going to be as good as you want to be. If you come in and wrestle three different guys with three different styles it's going to make you a more well-rounded wrestler."

The Bearcats take to the mat for the first time this season at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in dual action against Iowa State and Kansas State at Bearcat Arena.

With a bigger squad and the experience from last year, the 'Cats predict more to come for this building program.

"I would like to say last year was a once in a lifetime experience, but hopefully we get it again this year," Peter said.

SPORTS NOTES Sports Staff

Spoofhounds receive All-MEC, All-District honors after season

The Spoofhounds had 12 players recognized for their performance on the field following Maryville's 10-2 campaign.

Eight players received first-team All-MEC honors, highlighted by junior Cole Forney who was named to the first team at three different positions: full-back, linebacker and as the defensive special teams player.

Junior defensive lineman Caleb Mather and junior linebacker Jordan Zech were voted unanimously to the first team.

Sophomore offensive line-

man Jackson Morrison and senior offensive lineman Shane Owens also received first-team honors.

Senior Tyler Walter was voted unanimous first-team defensive back, while earning second-team honors as the offensive special teams player and was an honorable mention wide receiver.

Junior Derek Stiens was named first-team running back in addition to second-team honors as a defensive back.

Junior Tyler Tripp was named to the first team for his play at

defensive line and also garnered second-team honors at tight end.

Junior quarterback Jonathan Baker was also named to the second team.

Junior offensive lineman Eric Sigman, sophomore running back Trent Nally and senior linebacker Charlie Coleman were all honorable mention.

Forney, Morrison, Stiens, Mather, Zech and Walter were also named to the All-District team for their performances on the field.

5 Bearcats selected as part of Super Region 4 1st, 2nd teams

Three Bearcats have a shot at being named All-Americans after being elected to the All-Region first team.

Senior linebacker Chad Kilgore, junior left tackle Rod Williams and senior right guard

Cody Johnson were all honored as part of the Super Region 4 first team.

Kilgore led the 'Cats in tackles with 123.

Redshirt freshman defensive back Bryce Enyard and junior

running back Jordan Simmons were named to the second team.

Enyard led the Bearcats with six interceptions. Simmons racked up more than 2,000 yards of total offense and scored 21 touchdowns on the year.

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern.....	9-0	2-0
NORTHWEST.....	7-0	2-0
Fort Hays.....	7-0	1-0
Central Mo.....	5-2	1-1
Emporia St.....	5-2	1-1
Pitt. State.....	5-3	1-1
Truman.....	3-6	1-1
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-5	1-1
Washburn.....	5-3	0-1
Mo. Western.....	5-3	0-2
Southwest Baptist.....	6-4	0-2

**December 10:**  
Truman at Washburn  
Pitt. State at S.W. Baptist  
Lincoln (Mo.) at Mo. Southern  
Mo. Western at Fort Hays  
Central Mo. at Emporia St.

**December 11:**  
Graceland at NORTHWEST

MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	1-1	1-0
Smithville.....	1-0	0-0
Cameron.....	1-0	0-0
Savannah.....	2-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	2-2	0-0
LeBlond.....	1-2	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	1-2	0-0
Benton.....	0-2	0-1

**December 8:**  
Benton at MARYVILLE

**December 13:**  
South Harrison at MARYVILLE  
Benton at Savannah  
LeBlond at Falls City (Neb.)  
Chillicothe at Macon  
Cameron at Lawson

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	8-0	2-0
Central Mo.....	7-0	2-0
Emporia St.....	5-1	2-0
Fort Hays.....	7-0	1-0
Washburn.....	8-2	1-0
Truman.....	6-1	1-1
Lincoln (Mo.).....	5-1	1-1
Mo. Southern.....	4-4	0-2
Southwest Baptist.....	3-3	0-2
Mo. Western.....	2-4	0-2
NORTHWEST.....	2-6	0-2

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MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Savannah.....	3-0	0-0
Cameron.....	2-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	3-1	0-0
Smithville.....	1-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	1-2	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	1-3	0-0
Benton.....	0-1	0-0
LeBlond.....	0-3	0-0

**December 8:**  
Savannah at Pleasant Hill  
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Senior guard Kyle Haake takes a three point shot over a Washburn defender. Haake had 13 points in an 65-59 comeback win over the Ichabods Saturday.

# Hot start gives men best start to season since 2003

DALTON VITT  
Chief Reporter

The Northwest men's basketball team has reeled off seven straight wins to start the year, which is its best start since the 2003-'04 season.

Even with that hot start, head coach Ben McCollum believes his team still has room to grow.

"We've played well in spurts, but we haven't played a complete game," McCollum said. "But if you can grow from wins, it's a lot more fun than growing from losing."

One big reason for the early success has been junior point guard DeShaun Cooper. Cooper is currently leading the team in

points per game, assists per game, steals per game and free throw attempts.

Of the three seasons Cooper has been on the team, this year has easily started the best.

"(This 7-0 start) means a lot because we have a chance to do something that has never been done, and we should take ownership to that," Cooper said. "And when we take ownership to it, we should protect it and keep it going as long as we can."

McCollum believes one difference between this year's team and past teams is its mental toughness at the end of games.

"I think we handle adversity a

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Senior guard Abby Henry drives the lane in the Bearcats' 71-53 home loss to Washburn on Saturday. Henry accounted for 18 points and dished out three assists while playing with a broken thumb on her shooting hand.

# Offense struggles, losses follow

KYLE HENDRICKS  
Missourian Reporter

The 2-6 (0-2 MIAA) start to the season for the Northwest women's basketball team should not come as a surprise to many people. The Bearcats lost their three best players from last season, All-American Gabby Curtis, Gentry Dietz and Kyla Roehrig.

This season, head coach Gene Steinmeyer is relying on two returning starters in senior guards Abby Henry and Shelly Martin and a rotation of players that includes four freshmen.

"We haven't gotten the offense going like we did last season," Steinmeyer said. "And that's frustrating for me because I'm an offense kind of guy. Basketball is just like politics, you have liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans right? Well I got a big L tattooed to my forehead because we score at all costs, and if we want to play defense we'll worry about that later."

Henry has been hampered by a broken right thumb for much of the season, which has played a factor in the 'Cats' inability to score consistently early on in the season.

"If you notice, when Abby was completely healthy, her and Shelly combined for 50 points in that first game," Steinmeyer said. "Now that she's hurt, Shelly hasn't been able to get open as much because Abby hasn't been able to create shots like she's used to, and teams are starting to face guard Shelly."

Henry does not believe the thumb injury should be used as any sort of excuse for the drop off in production.

"I mean, it's painful at times," Henry said. "And the cast gets in the way sometimes because it's on my right hand, which is my dominant hand, but I don't think it's really affecting me too much."

Northwest is averaging just 62 points per game while opponents are averaging 72 against them.

"We're not scoring very well right now," Henry said. "But I think our time is coming. Our defense has been playing really well, and we've got a really talented team; we just need to peak at the right time."

After losses to Washburn and Emporia State to open up the conference schedule, Steinmeyer knows the 'Cats have to get something going.

"Those six losses look bad, and

they are bad," Steinmeyer said. "So we need to try and do something different. We hope to change things up in the next few games and try and create opportunities through our defense."

The slow start has not affected the attitudes of the players though.

"We know we're going through a rough patch," freshman forward Annie Mathews said. "But everyone is confident that we'll get it together. I think we just need to find the right combo, and I think we're making improvements each game, so I can definitely see us making a run later on in the season."

After three straight home games to start conference play, the 'Cats will be on the road for the next four games, starting Saturday when they travel to Omaha to take on the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"I have complete faith in my team," Steinmeyer said. "I love my team; I would go to war with those girls. They keep fighting no matter what the score is, and I can see it in their eyes that they want to win these games. We'll get it figured out, and I think we can be a dangerous team when we do."

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# PINNING DOWN SUCCESS

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Northwest wrestling club members Daniel Jennings and Jacob Mercer grapple during practice as they prepare to defend their national title from last year.

## Wrestling club looks to repeat success, win second consecutive national championship

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Chief Sports Reporter

“For the love of the game” is the sports cliché that often describes an athlete’s passion for their sport. For the Northwest Wrestling Club, it has become an everyday motivation.

With no scholarships available, TV contracts or all of the necessary training equipment, the Bearcats were able to win the national championship last year.

Since they are not a sanctioned team by the NCAA, Northwest competes as a club team for a shot at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Division II National Title.

The wrestlers train, prepare and compete with the sheer motivation of wanting to be on the mat.

“After high school, I went to a college, wrestled for a little bit and I got hurt and never really wanted to wrestle again,” 165-pound senior Jordan Peter said. “I came here and absolutely fell in love again.”

Coming off of their first national title in the five-year history of the program, the ‘Cats believe they have opened up the eyes and minds of the Northwest community to see them as a legitimate program.

“The support has been fantastic so far this year,” Peter said. “We’ve had support from Student Senate and Jason Sack, the club organizer on campus, and he has supported us our entire existence since 2005. We’ve had great support from faculty and everybody.”

Northwest returns Peter, coming off his runner-up finish at last year’s national championship and All-America honors at 165 pounds.

All-American 197-pound junior Blake Shoeninger dropped down to the 184-pound weight class as he pursues another All-American title.

Also returning to the squad is senior heavyweight Preston Reeves, who fell one match short of earning All-America honors last year.

Even with the national title and another potential national championship on the horizon with the group of returning All-Americans, the club still has their fair share of obstacles to overcome.

“We just deal with stuff our own way,” Peter said. “We don’t really use the weight room. We kind of have to find our own way for weights, which is fine. We do tire lifts and have sledge hammers and hammer the tires.”

Because they are not a sanctioned team without the complete financial backing of the University, compared to other teams, the team has had to find its own way to stay afloat.

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## WHY DO YOU WRESTLE?



**BLAKE SHOENINGER**

“I’ve always wrestled. I started at the age of 5 and haven’t stopped since.”



**PRESTON REEVES**

“I was looking for an opportunity to continue wrestling after high school and this club was the perfect opportunity.”



**ADAM MCELDERRY**

“Wrestling is the oldest sport in the world, they’ve been doing it for 1000s of years.”

DESIGN | WENDY WHELAN

## FIVE WAYS TO SCORE

### TAKEDOWN

Two points for taking an opponent down to the mat and controlling him or her.

### ESCAPE

One point for getting away or to a neutral position when an opponent has you down on the mat.

### REVERSAL

Two points when an opponent has a wrestler down on the mat who comes from underneath and gain control of an opponent.

### NEAR FALL

Two or three points when for almost pinning an opponent during a match.

### PENALTY

Opponent is awarded points if various infractions occur during a match.

## ‘Cats season about more than football

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor



Well, it’s over. Just like that. The Dream Season came to a close with a 41-16 loss to Pitt State.

After all the magical comebacks, it’s finally over. The magic ran out.

But this season was never about wins and losses, even though that’s what matters in college athletics. Any athletics for that matter.

Heck, it wasn’t even truly about football.

This season was about more than that and anybody who went to even one game could see that.

The red hats. The red paws on the sides of the helmets. The ‘SB’ logo on the field. The banner hanging from the stadium or the street named in late head coach Scott Bostwick’s honor. Those small tributes were just the tip of the iceberg.

This season was about Bostwick. As soon as he took over as head coach after legendary coach Mel Tjeerdsma retired in December, you could tell this season was going to be special, or in his words, “awesome.”

It was Bostwick’s dream to lead the team this season, and he made sure everyone knew how excited he was about it. It was the players’ dream to play for him.

But he passed away before either ever got the opportunity.

That’s when the wins and losses no longer seemed to matter, and that was three months before the season even started.

This year was about honoring Bostwick and all he did for not only this University, but this community.

He loved Northwest, and he loved Maryville. His 17-year tenure on the sidelines and his involvement in different activities in the community proved that.

Bostwick’s legacy will last as long as anyone who ever met him lives. He was that kind of person. Energy and passion radiated off of him. He truly loved what he was doing.

Anyone who has ever talked to him has at least one Bostwick story; something he’s said or done that they will remember forever.

That’s what this season was truly about.

Sure, the season didn’t end the way any of the players or coaches would have hoped. A national championship in Bostwick’s honor was what they were chasing, but now that it’s all said and done, it doesn’t really matter what the scoreboard read.

The team’s slogan: ‘All In,’ wasn’t about winning a championship. Rather, it was about giving your all week in and week out, not only on the football field, but in life.

By going out and playing the games and wearing the red hats and paws, these players gave Bostwick’s memory everything they could, and at the end of the day, I’m sure he would have been happy with that.

So even though the season is over, the dream will never die. Bostwick will live on in the players he coached, the coaches he worked with and everyone else who had the pleasure of meeting ‘Papa Bearcat.’

That’s what this season was truly about. Remembering and giving thanks to the man in the red hat for everything he did.



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore running back James Franklin prepares to spin past a Pitt State defender on his way to the end zone. Franklin was held to 43 yards on nine carries and added one rushing touchdown in the ‘Cats 41-16 loss.

## Bearcats succeed despite adversity

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

While the football season did not end how the players and coaches ultimately would have liked, it was still a successful season, especially considering what the team endured during the offseason.

“We accomplished a lot,” head coach Adam Dorrel said. “To overcome, from a football standpoint, when things looked really bleak at halftime against Missouri Western, for our kids for the next six quarters of football that we played...that was as fine of football as this place has played.

“I think they overcame a lot this year and accomplished a lot.”

The season came to a close Saturday with a 41-16 loss to Pittsburg State in the quarterfinals.

“It was disappointing,” Dorrel said. “I just thought we were going

to be able to do some things...at the end of the day it was very simple why we lost. They made plays consistently, and we didn’t make any.”

The Bearcats have made it to at least the quarterfinals every year since 2004. This is also the first season since 2004 that Northwest has suffered three losses.

Despite being hampered by injuries for the majority of the year, particularly to senior captains Blake Christopher and Jake Soy, the team persevered and stood behind Dorrel the whole season.

“Any time there’s transition, you’re going to go the way of your senior class,” Dorrel said. “The fact that those kids got behind me and believed in me is something that I told them in the locker room after the game means a lot to me.”

The younger guys also bought into what the coaches were preaching, allowing them to be successful

and lay a foundation for the future.

“I think the future is very bright here at Northwest Missouri State,” Dorrel said. “We have a solid foundation of young kids that got some playoff experience and played well in the playoffs.”

Sophomore quarterback Trevor Adams started eight of the team’s 14 games this season in place of the injured Christopher and threw for 2,202 yards and 21 touchdowns with 11 interceptions.

Sophomore running back James Franklin led the Bearcats with 1,247 yards rushing and 24 rushing touchdowns. He also added a receiving touchdown against Pitt State.

Junior running back Jordan Simmons recorded 2,134 all-purpose yards with 21 touchdowns. He ran for 957 yards and 14 scores, caught 35 passes for 456 yards and

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